

JANE E. ZINK.

JUNE 23, 1898.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. HANNA, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 4811.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4811) granting a pension to Jane E. Zink, have examined the same and report:

The report of the Committee on Invalid Pensions of the House of Representatives, hereto appended, is adopted, and the passage of the bill is recommended, after being amended by inserting in line 5 the word "of" before the word "Jane," and in line 6 by striking out the word "to" before the word "pay."

HOUSE REPORT.

This bill proposes to pension at \$20 per month Jane E. Zink, of Steubenville, Ohio, who was formerly the widow of James M. Shane, lieutenant-colonel Ninety-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

Soldier served from January 20, 1863, to June 27, 1864, when he was killed in action at Kenesaw Mountain.

This claimant filed and established a claim as his widow, and was pensioned as such at \$30 per month from the date of his death until June 8, 1871, when she was married to William R. Zink, and by such marriage forfeited her pension.

She was married to the soldier November 14, 1854, and of course was his wife while he was in the Army and when he was killed in battle.

She now alleges that she is again a widow and in destitute circumstances.

As she is a woman of good character and needs assistance, the bill is reported back with the recommendation that it pass.

STEUBENVILLE, OHIO, *December 9, 1897.*

MY DEAR SIR: I herewith present to you my petition for restoration of pension as the widow of Col. James M. Shane, of the Ninety-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, who fell in the battle of Kenesaw Mountain June 27, 1864.

I was pensioned under certificate No. 39843, and was upon the roll until June 8, 1871, when I became the wife of Mr. William R. Zink.

Dr. Zink died October 20, 1897, leaving me childless, and, by stress of circumstances, without suitable provision. I ask your influence and aid in securing the restoration of my pension, feeling certain I will not be denied, although you have probably forgotten me, in the lapse of years, as the daughter of Chaplain Ragan and the widow of Colonel Shane.

Not wishing to overwhelm you with a mass of correspondence, I only send you a few letters from your personal friends, establishing my position and indorsing my claim. Will you kindly advise me if further steps are necessary upon my part, or other influence desirable? I can secure that of Gen. Anson G. McCook, Col. Harry C. Sherrard, or any other prominent resident here whom you may mention. Mr. John W. Trainor, of the Department of Justice, is also ready to assist you in any way.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

MRS. JANE E. ZINK.

Hon. LORENZO DANFORD, M. C.,
Washington, D. C.

To the honorable the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:

Your petitioner, Mrs. Jane E. Zink, whose post-office address is No. 254 North Third street, Steubenville, in the county of Jefferson and State of Ohio, respectfully represents that she was the widow of James M. Shane, colonel of the Ninety-eighth Ohio Infantry Volunteers, who was killed in battle and on account of whose service she was pensioned under certificate No. 39843. She remained his widow until 1871, when she married W. R. Zink, who has recently died.

She is without any means of support, is childless, and over 60 years of age.

There is no one legally bound for her support, and she is in poor health. She begs that her pension as the widow of Colonel Shane be now restored to her.

Very respectfully,

MRS. JANE E. ZINK.

STEUBENVILLE, OHIO, *December 6, 1897.*

DEAR SIR: Mrs. Jane E. Zink, a near neighbor of mine, and a warm personal friend of all our family, desires to be restored to the pension roll, which, under the existing circumstances, can only be done by act of Congress.

I presume she has furnished you with all the facts relative to her claim, which is a most deserving and worthy one, and will meet the hearty indorsement of all our citizens.

I would ask you as a personal favor to push her claim with all vigor, and I am sure with such good cause the result will be the one desired. I remain,

Yours, most sincerely,

JNO. L. MEANS.

Hon. L. DANFORD, M. C.,
Washington, D. C.

STEUBENVILLE, OHIO, *December 7, 1897.*

MY DEAR SIR: I am informed that Mrs. Jane E. Zink, of this city, is an applicant for the restoration of the pension granted her as the widow of the late Colonel Shane. The case is a meritorious one. While it is true she subsequently married, she is now a widow, and the widow of a gallant soldier. Her late husband was not a soldier, but that fact ought not to debar her from the bounty provided by the Government for her on account of the death of her former soldier husband, since she is left without means of support. The Government has been the gainer during all the years she was the wife of Mr. Zink. It is needless for me to state that Mrs. Zink is a lady whose life and bearing command the respect of all good citizens. She needs the pension she asks, and having given to her country the husband of her earlier years, whose record as a civilian and soldier is among those which make us all proud of our country, she ought not to be denied the mere pittance of a widow's pension. Trusting you may see your way clear to give her your aid and influence,

I remain, yours, truly,

R. G. RICHARDS.

Hon. L. DANFORD, *Washington, D. C.*

STEUBENVILLE, OHIO, *December 8, 1897.*

DEAR CAPTAIN: Mrs. Jane E. Zink, whose husband, William R. Zink, died a few weeks ago, was the widow of Col. James M. Shane, of the gallant Ninety eighth. She was, until her marriage to Dr. Zink, on the pension roll, and there is every necessary reason why she should be reinstated by special act. I feel sure you will do all that lies in your power to secure a pension for her. Mrs. Zink is an intimate friend of all the members of our family and of many other friends of yours. If you desire any reassurance of the urgency of this application, J. J. Gill, esq., or your friends of the McGowan family can furnish it.

Very sincerely, yours,

W. McD. MILLER.

Hon. L. DANFORD.

